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Australia,* China, Denmark, Ghana, Japan, Mexico, South Africa and United States of America: draft resolution

2010 World Population and Census Programme

The Statistical Commission recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme

"*The Economic and Social Council*,

"*Recalling* its resolution 1995/7 of 19 July 1995, in which it requested the Secretary-General to proceed with the development of the 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme and urged States Members of the United Nations to carry out population and housing censuses during the period 1995-2004, as well as its earlier resolutions endorsing previous decennial programmes,

"*Having reviewed* the efforts made by Member States to carry out population and housing censuses as part of the 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme and also the activities of the United Nations and funding agencies in support of national efforts in that regard,

"*Recognizing* the increasing importance of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses for meeting data needs for the follow-up activities to the Millennium Summit, held in New York from 6 to 8 September 2000, the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994, the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, the Fourth World Conference on

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Women, held in Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995, and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in Istanbul from 3 to 14 June 1996, and to other regional and national meetings,

"*Considering* the importance of the population and housing census to the preparation of a meaningful core set of national data and information necessary for socio-economic planning and governance,

"*Stressing* that for a country as a whole and for each administrative area therein periodic population and housing censuses are one of the primary sources of data needed for effective development planning and for the monitoring of population issues and socio-economic and environmental trends, policies and programmes,

"1. *Supports* the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme, consisting of a number of activities aimed at ensuring that Member States conduct a population and housing census at least once during the period 2005-2014;

"2. *Urges* Member States to carry out a population and housing census and to disseminate census results as an essential source of information for small-area, national, regional and international planning and development and to provide census results to national stakeholders as well as the United Nations and other appropriate intergovernmental organizations to assist in studies on population, environment and socio-economic development issues and programmes;

"3. *Emphasizes* the importance of the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme for socio-economic planning, and requests increased support for this Programme;

"4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme."

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Draft report

Rapporteur: Mr. Gilberto **Calvillo Vives** (Mexico)

Chapter ____
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its thirty-sixth session at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 4 March 2005. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of 24 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.3/2005/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 1 March 2005, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Katherine Wallman (United States of America)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Grace Bediako (Ghana)
Li Deshui (China)
Vladimir Sokolin (Russian Federation)

Rapporteur:
Gilberto Calvillo Vives (Mexico)

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D. Agenda and organization of work

4. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2005/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to policy decisions of the Economic and Social Council: working methods of the Statistical Commission.
4. Economic statistics:
   (a) Programme review: energy statistics;
   (b) National accounts;
   (c) Service statistics;
   (d) Statistics of international trade in services;
   (e) International Comparison Programme;
   (f) Price statistics;
   (g) Informal sector statistics.
5. Demographic and social statistics:
   (a) Population and housing censuses;
   (b) Health statistics;
   (c) Poverty statistics;
   (d) Disability statistics.
6. Natural resources and environment statistics:
   (a) Environmental accounting;
   (b) Environment statistics.
7. Activities not classified by field:
   (a) Statistical capacity-building;
   (b) International economic and social classifications;
   (c) Indicators for follow-up to United Nations conferences;
   (d) Presentation of statistical data and metadata;
   (e) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;
   (f) Information and communication technologies statistics;
   (g) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;
   (h) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).
8. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.
9. Report of the Commission on its thirty-sixth session.

5. Also at its 1st meeting, the Commission approved the organization of work of the session (E/CN.3/2005/L.1).

6. At the same meeting, the Commission invited the following organizations to participate as observers at the thirty-sixth session: Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries; Bank for International Settlements; and International Energy Agency.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its thirty-sixth session are listed in annex ____ to the present report.